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COMMENTS:

Please find attached an informal submission of the response to the Office Action dated March 4, 2003. The formal submission is being couriered and will arrive at your office tomorrow, June 4, 2003.

Yours truly,

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the office action of March 4, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claims 13 and 15 and add new claims 19-22 as follows:

13. (Amended) In a process for maintaining the outer surfaces of hollow fiber membranes essentially free from a build-up of deposits of particulate material while separating a permeate from a multicomponent liquid substrate in a reservoir, said process comprising,

submerging skein fibers in an essentially vertical, cylindrical configuration within said substrate, said fibers being unconfined in a modular shell, and securely held in vertically opposed, upper and lower headers spaced-apart at a

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